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SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that pandits with only oriental titles were getting a higher scale of pay than that of the secondary grade teachers in pre-independence days and in view of the fact that the scale has now been fixed at a rate lower than that of the secondary grade teachers by the previous Congress Government and in view of the fact that regional languages are now supposed to be treated as first languages, will this Government consider the advisability of raising the pay of these pandits at least to the level where it was, if not more? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the pandits are expected to possess certain qualifications. Where they satisfy the rule regarding qualifications, they get the revised scale now in force."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, responding to the request of the Hon. the Minister for Education I am giving him the specific instance of the Corporation of Madras. The Corporation has not given effect to the revised scales of pay to the Tamil pandits. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to enquire into the matter and redress the grievances of the teachers? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The matter will be considered."

Supply of power to Upper Pennar Project work from Rayadrug.

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3-50 a.m. MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri S. Narayanappa is not present, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any investigation has started regarding the supply of power to Upper Pennar Project work from Rayadrug (via) Kalyandrug and Kambadur ; and

(*b*) if so, when the power will be supplied to Upper Pennar Project work?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Representations from the Malabar newspaper editors regarding power supply.

* 394 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation to stop the cut in electricity by representatives of the Malabar newspaper editors ; and